



Westward Bound

Do you have what it takes to lead a successful expedition along the famous Oregon Trail? You will have to be a strong leader and make good decisions for you and your family if you want to survive the trail.

Beginner	Intermediate	Expert
<p>1.Open Oregon Trail. Click on Play. 2.Click New Game 3.Click Easy. 4.Begin Play. You are in charge of making decisions during the game. Think carefully before deciding. Each decision has an impact on how well or if you will survive the trail.</p> <p>Journal Questions 1.Why are migrants heading west? 2.Keep a list of the decisions you made and explain why? For example, what wagon did you choose and why? 3.What problems did your travelers encounter along the trail? How did you fix these problems? 4.Was your trip successful? If not, what do you think you did wrong? Is it was successful, why? What were the best decisions you made?</p>	<p>1.Open Oregon Trail. Click on Play. 2.Click New Game 3.Click Normal. 4.Begin Play. You are in charge of making decisions during the game. Think carefully before deciding. Each decision has an impact on how well or if you will survive the trail. 5.As you play, keep a list of your achievements and the people you meet.</p> <p>Journal Questions 1.Keep a list of the decisions you made and explain why? For example, what wagon did you choose and why? 2.What problems did your travelers encounter along the trail? How did you fix these problems? 3.Was your trip successful? If not, what do you think you did wrong? 4.Using the list you created of people you have met along the Oregon Trail, find out about them using the Wikipedia or other Internet resource. Write one sentence about each individual.</p>	<p>1.Open Oregon Trail. Click on Play. 2.Click New Game 3.Click Hard. (You will inly be able to choose this if you have successfully completed the Normal level). 4.Begin Play. You are in charge of making decisions during the game. Think carefully before deciding. Each decision has an impact on how well or if you will survive the trail.</p> <p>Journal Questions 1.Why did people move West? 2.How did money play a role in the lives of the travelers? 3.How is traveling across the country different today?</p> <p>Extension Activity: Create an iMovie documentary on the life of a pioneer traveling the Oregon trail.</p>

Addressed TEKS

Grade 5

(4) History. The student understands political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century. The student is expected to:

(B) identify reasons people moved west;

(8) Geography. The student understands the location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and describe the types of settlement and patterns of land use in the United States;

(B) describe clusters of settlement in the United States and explain their distribution;

(D) explain the geographic factors that influence patterns of settlement and the distribution of population in the United States, past and present.

(11) Economics. The student understands the reasons for exploration and colonization. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the economic motivations for European exploration and settlement in the United States

(13) Economics. The student understands the impact of supply and demand on consumers and producers in a free enterprise system. The student is expected to:

(A) explain how supply and demand affects consumers in the United States

Vocabulary

- emigrant
- ford
- pioneers
- Typhoid
- Conestoga Wagons
- Prairie
- Oxen

Famous People

- James W. Marshall
- John L. O'Sullivan
- Samuel Morse